



ST ETHELBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL, IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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Latest Newsletter from Mr Marshall

Loving God, we thank you for our school community and the gift of time to rest this bank holiday weekend. Bless our families with peace, joy, and relaxation, and keep us safe in all we do. May we return refreshed and ready to learn and care for one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

With this newsletter, you will also find our termly curriculum overview, which outlines what your child will be learning in each subject from Nursery through to Year 6. This is a great opportunity to gain an insight into the exciting topics, skills and knowledge being covered across the school. We encourage you to take some time to look through it with your child and have a conversation about their learning. This can be a wonderful way to support and extend their enthusiasm at home.

It has been a real pleasure to complete a learning walk around the school this week and see so much positive engagement in lessons. Our Nursery children have been enjoying exploring the outdoors in the sunshine as part of their topic "Ready, Steady, Grow." In Key Stage 1, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils were busy developing their maths skills, focusing on calculations and place value. Year 3 have been working hard on maths calculations alongside their fascinating history topic on Pompeii, while Year 4 pupils have been producing some beautiful artwork, as well as taking part in their weekly ukulele lessons and swimming sessions. Year 5 have been applying themselves well in arithmetic and PE, and Year 6 are showing great dedication through their weekly trumpet lessons and SATs preparation. It is wonderful to see such a wide range of subjects being taught and so many children fully engaged in their learning.





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Next Friday afternoon, the whole school from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in an exciting trip to see 'Kidenza' at the Granville Theatre. We will be walking to the theatre to watch a live orchestra performance, as we believe every child should have the opportunity to experience live music. During the concert, pupils will listen to a range of classical pieces and learn about the different families of instruments within the orchestra. We expect to return to school by 3:00pm; however, we apologise in advance if dismissal is delayed by 5–10 minutes, depending on the programme schedule. If you haven't sent your permission slips back yet, then please do this by Tuesday.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing long weekend. Don't forget it is bank holiday on Monday so the school is closed. We will be back open on Tuesday as normal.

God Bless

Mr Marshall

Headteacher

School meal price increases

Due to rising costs KCC and Caterlink have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of school meals. Please note that from 1st September 2026 the price of a school meal will increase from £3.37 per meal to £3.48 per meal.

Change of Menu

On Thursday, 21st May there will be an 'School Treat Day' menu for census day. If you would like your child to have a school meal on that day, please pay via School Money. Thank you. Please see attached flyer for details.





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Year 4 Swimming

The Year 4 swimming will start on **Friday, 24th April** at Ramsgate Swimming Pool. The children will start their lesson at 1.10pm and finish at 1.55pm. The children will be back at school and ready to be dismissed as normal.

The programme will take place every Friday up to and including the 22nd of May 2026. Your child will need to bring swimwear, goggles and a towel on these days. No spray deodorants are allowed, only roll-on. They must wear a coat as they may be cold walking to and from the pool.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING ON FRIDAY 8TH MAY DUE TO KIDENZA CONCERT

SEND Parents Evening – change of date

Wednesday, **13th May**, is our SEND parents' evening. Parents should receive a sign-up sheet via email. Please attend via Dane Park Road entrance.

PTFA Spring Disco and Infant Party

A reminder about the Spring Disco and Infant Party. Tickets are still available all day today via School Money.

St Ethelbert's PTFA
Spring Disco/Party <Wednesday 6th May>
Please book a space via School Money

Infants Party 3:10–4:35	Juniors Disco 3:20–4:45
£3 entry We will invite the entertainer to our school for the special party. Snack and Drink included	£2.50 entry Bring your party clothes and spending money Hotdog:£1, Pringles:£1 Doughnut:50p, Drink:20p Candyfloss:50p Sweets:20p-£1 Craft:50p,Game:50p





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[Bag2School](#)

A collection bag was recently sent home. This is one of our popular fundraising events, please fill it with unwanted clothes, shoes, and accessories (details can be found on the bag) and bring them back to the school car park on **Monday 11th May by 9 AM**. Thank you for your support.

[Thanet Family Hubs](#)

Attached is an up-to-date timetable for Thanet Family Hubs, which outlines the sessions, activities, and services available across the hubs for the upcoming period. The new timetable will take effect until 29th May 2026

[Can you help?](#)

We have parents of 5 young children who live in Nethercourt. They are desperately looking for help with transport for 2 children to school in the mornings Monday to Wednesday and picking up 3 of them in the afternoon Mondays and Wednesdays.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, then please contact the school office for more details. Thank you.

[Instagram](#)

Don't forget we have our own school Forest School Instagram account where you can see photos of what they have been doing in our very own onsite Forest School!

<https://www.instagram.com/stethelbertsforestschool?igsh=MWRRaXI2MjNlc25xNA==>

[SEND](#)

Please click [here](#) for the latest Kent County Council Newsletter for SEND. Here you will find the latest news on Children's mental health, KCC SEND progress to date and further general advice, guidance and support.

Children showing our school values this week				
Year Group	Class Name/Saint Name	Child	Value	Reason for Value
Nursery	United Kingdom	Heaven	Knowledge	Showing huge improvement during phonics and maths!





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	Saint George			Her confidence has really grown!
		Malachai	Thoughtfulness	Always wanting to help his friends and adults in the class!
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga			
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Kaviyan	Knowledge	Using his phonics to read a book independently
		Jessica	Knowledge	Working carefully and methodically to create a 3D sculpture by folding paper
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Ehvehlyn-Marie	Knowledge	Making good progress in her phonics learning
		Leo-George	Knowledge	His improvement in his independent writing and letter formation
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Louis	Knowledge	Reciting a poet's song from the 'forum' in Pompeii
		Jennifer	Thoughtfulness	Considering the feelings of her classmates on the playground
Year 4	Italy	Nabilah	Knowledge	Scoring 25/25 on her practice MTC





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	Catherine of Siena	Jessica	Knowledge	Scoring 25/25 on her practice MTC
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Kaiden	Inclusion	Trying really hard with every aspect of school life
		Rory	Inclusion	Trying really hard through /Thrive mornings
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Tommy	Inclusion	Always showing maturity and level headedness on the playground
		Lily	Knowledge	Working, working and working towards achieving in her SATS!

Well done to Kayden, Freya, Eliza, Ella and Cillian who have received a Thoughtfulness Certificate from the Walking Bus for always being polite and respectful when walking to school.





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Well done!

Class Masses

If you would like to join us for a class Mass, then you are very welcome. Children lead the Mass with readings and bidding prayers.

Date	Year Group attending Mass
14th May	Whole School Mass led by Year 4
21st May	Year 3
	Half Term
4th June	Year 2
11th June	Year 6
18th June	Year 5
25th June	Year 4





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2nd July	Year 3
9th July	Year 2
16th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass

Mass will be on Thursday mornings at 9.30am in St Ethelbert's church



[Attendance this academic year...](#)

Our attendance policy states that we aim for a 100% attendance

Reception	93.9%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	95.4%
Whole School this week	95.2%
Whole School academic year to date	94.8%
National Average academic year to date	94.8%





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**It will be a non-uniform day on Monday for Nursery
who achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done!**

**PLEASE NOTE – IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE WRAPAROUND CARE STAFF AFTER 4PM
THE NUMBER TO CALL IS **07400 170519****

DIARY DATES

2025/26

May 2026

1st Swimming Year 4 - 1.10-1.55pm (4 sessions)

4th Bank Holiday

Year 2 Tests

6th PTFA Disco and Spring Party

11th - 14th Year 6 SATs

13th SEND Parents Evening

22nd Sharing the Learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm

21st Summer Census

22nd END OF TERM 5

June 2026

1st TERM 6 STARTS FOR CHILDREN

1st YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES (2-week window)

5th Swimming Year 3 - 1.10-1.55pm (7 sessions)

8th Year 6 Residential meeting (2027 cohort)

w/c 8th Yr1 and Yr2 PHONICS SCREENING

16th New YN and YR parent's information evening

w/c 22nd Sports Week

22nd - Nursery Sports Afternoon 2.15pm

23rd - Reception and Year 1 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm

24th - Year 2 and Year 3 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm

25th - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm





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24th Feast of St John
25th New YN and YR play and stay 4-5pm
26th/29th/30th Bikeability

July 2026

2nd TRANSITION DAY
3rd SUMMER FAIR 3-5pm
9th Year 6 dress rehearsal to school - 1:00pm
9th Year 6 Production to parents - 7:00pm
15th End of Year Reports to parents
15th Year 6 Disco -6.00pm - 7.30pm
16th Year 6 Leavers Mass, Graduation and Afternoon Tea - 1.00pm
17th Benediction 1.15pm
17th Nursery Graduation 2.30pm
17th End of Term 6 for children
20th INSET day (4 of 5)
21st INSET day (5 of 5)

21st END OF TERM 6

